

New Tax Legislation and other Updates

Issue

A Publication 4491X, New Tax Legislation and Other Updates to VITA/TCE Training Product alert was distributed December 18, 2009 to all IRS-SPEC relationship managers to share with their partners and site coordinators. This publication provides the pen-and-ink changes to Publication 4012, *Volunteer Resource Guide*, as well as some critical new tax law legislation.

Please take the time to ensure all volunteers have received this product. This will allow them to make the necessary changes to Publication 4012 and review the critical tax law changes as they prepare for the filing season. Here are the three new tax law updates for 2010:

- Military housing assistance payments (HAP) made under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 are now excluded from gross income. For more information refer to the ARRA Web page on www.irs.gov.
- The First-time Homebuyer Credit has been extended and expanded. For more information, refer to the new revision of Form 5405, *First-time Homebuyer's Credit*.
- Tax Refunds can be used to purchase Savings Bonds. For additional information refer to the 2009 *Form 8888, Direct Deposit of Refund*.

If you have not received your copy of Publication 4491X, please contact your local relationship manager or e-mail us at partner@irs.gov.

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